

Paswanji was reading out a statement about the bomb explosion in a train at Ambala, at almost the same time, RDX weighing 30 kgs. contained in two bags was found near the rail track about 30 kms. from Jammu. The employees who detected these bags at 3.00 a.m. in the night should be rewarded so that other persons engaged in such work could be encouraged.

In Jammu-Kashmir, especially after the elections, infiltration from across the border has increased to such an extent that about 1000 to 1200-1300 foreign mercenaries have infiltrated into the State. Many persons are crossing over to Pakistan and the situation that is being created there as a result thereof is causing concern. The State Government is camping in Jammu and the Kashmir valley and Dada district have turned into safe hideouts for the terrorists. Off and on operations that were being carried out by the Army have been virtually stopped. The contention of the army is that unless these areas are declared totally disturbed areas, they will not carry out any operation. They also demanded that during the course of the operation, some Magistrate or local police official should accompany them. As a result, the situation is deteriorating day by day there.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, the Government have removed some of the check posts from there. The moment these check posts are removed, migration of the people starts. Through you, I would like to tell the House and the Government that this situation needs to be remedied.

Infiltration is increasing due to the laxity on the part of the Government. This needs to be attended to. The situation that was brought under control by the personnel of the security forces after letting a lot of blood should not be allowed to be deteriorated. The Central Government authorities should interact with the State and Army officials in an attempt to improve the situation. This is all I want to submit...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI HARADHAN ROY (Asansol) : You give chance to everyone, but not to us. Why so?...*(Interruptions)*

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : By making noise, you would not get a chance. I have with me all the names.

[English]

I will call the names one by one. Please take your seat.

(Interruptions)

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER : You keep on shouting. It will not go on record.

*(Interruptions)**

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : There is no use in shouting. A shouter will never get a chance. Please take your seat.

(Interruptions)

Not Recorded.

SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI (Deogarh) : Mr. Deputy Speaker, I thank you for giving me this opportunity to speak.

The Programme Staff Association of All India Radio and Doordarshan is going to start its agitational programme from tomorrow, the 5th December. The President of the Association together with two representatives, one each from each branch, that is, All India Radio and Doordarshan, will be sitting on an indefinite hunger strike in front of Akashwani Bhavan from tomorrow. Simultaneously, all units throughout the country will go on with a relay hunger strike, gate meetings, propaganda etc. Their demand is about restoration of pay parity. The restoration of pay parity in the pay-scale of Transmission Executive and Engineering Assistants is being continuously projected before different authorities. We may recall that this matter also had figured in the last Session of the House. The hon. Minister in-charge of Information and Broadcasting had made a commitment to fulfil the legitimate demand of the Programme Staff Association. This has also been clearly stated in his reply given to the other House on 27th August, 1996. This reply was given in the Rajya Sabha. In spite of such assurances given by the Government, there is no restoration of pay parity. It has not materialised as yet. As a result, there is mounting discontentment among the members of the Staff of All India Radio and the Doordarshan. It is mounting up. It is going to find an expression in the form of hunger strike, agitation etc. which is not good for anybody.

Secondly, there are a large number of vacancies. They are also demanding the filling up of all such vacancies. Kindly realise that 730 posts in the programme cadre are remaining vacant. As a result, new stations are very inadequately manned. Also, some stations of All India Radio and some Kendras of Doordarshan are ready for commissioning. But because there is no sanctioned staff etc., they are not commissioned. They are not functioning. So, the position is like this.

There is also a legitimate demand with regard to promotion from their own cadre etc. So, these legitimate, long-standing and genuine demands have been asserted as such by the Minister concerned on the floor of the House. In spite of this, I do not know why such inordinate delay is there in the implementation of these things resulting in this type of an unpleasant situation throughout the country.

In view of the above, I would request the hon. Leader of the House, who is present here, to react to it. Shri Ram Vilas Paswan, this is also going to be a serious matter right from tomorrow. There will be an indefinite hunger strike resorted to by these people...*(Interruptions)*

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER : You had your say. Please take your seat.

SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI : This is the point.

[Translation]

SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR (Bareilly) : Mr. Deputy Speaker, programming staff in the AIR and Doordarshan have its own importance. Disparities in their pay has resulted in a lot of resentment among them. They have decided to start agitation on this issue. Through you, I want to submit to the hon. Minister of Communications that he should pay attention to it and take an early decision in this regard positively so that disparities in their pay could be removed.

SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI (Jhansi) : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I want to draw the attention of Central Government to UP. In the situation that prevails in the State, the Central Government has assumed all powers of the State. Only 15-20 days left before the sowing of rabi crops comes to an end, but the farmers are neither getting fertilizer nor seeds. UP Government arrange supply of fertilizer and seed through the Departments of Agriculture and Cooperation. These two departments of the Government of UP have made purchases of lakhs of tonnes of seeds and fertilizer but I fail to understand whether these supplies all going to the farmers or are being diverted to the black market. The farmers in UP are not getting seeds and fertilizer. The farmers belonging to weaker sections in Jhansi, Lalitpur, Banda, Hamirpur and Jalaun districts are facing ruin. Due to non-availability of seeds and fertilizer, they have yet to start sowing operations and only 20 days are left of the sowing season. The Governor of UP is leading a luxurious life and the Central Government is ruling the State by proxy.

I would request the hon. Minister of Agriculture to immediately arrange seeds for rabi sowing to the farmers of UP. At the same time inquiry should be conducted to find out the whereabouts of lakhs of tonnes of seeds and fertilizer purchased by the Department of Cooperation and Agriculture as the same have not reached the farmers... (Interruptions)

SHRI SUKDEO PASWAN (Arariya) : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, my name is listed at SI. No. 12.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER : You all telling the SI. No., good.

[English]

SHRI BADAL CHOUDHURY (Tripura West) : Sir, Tripura is almost surrounded by Bangladesh. It is practically an enclave inside Bangladesh with a small opening through Assam which connects Tripura to the mainland. Tripura shares 84 per cent of our border with Bangladesh and the balance 16 per cent with Mizoram and Assam. Tripura was earlier princely tribal majority State. After partition, several lakhs of refugees had migrated to this State and now today the non-tribals belong to 70 per cent of the total population. After implementation of India-Mujib Accord, thousands of

foreigners are still coming due to unguarded international borders with Bangladesh. All these have created a pressure on the political, economical and social life of the people of Tripura. Nowadays, the extremists have increased their insurgent activities. Due to advantage of a porous and ineffectively policed border, extremist groups have easy access to the neighbouring country for shelter, training, acquisition of sophisticated arms etc. as also for coming back at opportune moments.

[Translation]

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : Reading is not allowed during zero hour. You can make an oral submission.

[English]

SHRI BADAL CHOUDHURY : The Government of India has already taken some steps like erection of fencing in Indo-Bangladesh border by barbed wires, construction of IBB road, increasing the number of BSF personnel, strengthening the State Mobile Task Forces etc. But all these works were not in the list except the construction of border roads in Tripura-Bangladesh border. Now realising the importance of the situation, the Central Government, the Ministry of Home Affairs, has taken up two projects namely, erection of fencing by barbed wires in Indo-Bangladesh border-Phase II and strengthening of State Mobile Forces. But due to non-approval of the Finance Ministry, the projects are not coming into force. I, therefore, request the Government of India to approve the projects as soon as possible, keeping in view the present abnormal situation in the State as also the excitement prevailing in the Tripura-Bangladesh border areas and to stop the migration of foreigners... (Interruptions)

[Translation]

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : All issues are important. I shall give an opportunity to all.

SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN (Indore) : I am rising to speak with a heavy heart. We have no objection to the hon. Minister doing extensive railway development in Bihar. But I am constrained to point out that MP is being grossly neglected in the matter of railway development. My constituency Indore, which is the industrial capital of the State is being grossly neglected. I have taken up a number of issues concerning railways, but none of them was replied to by the railway authorities. Two trains start from Indore-one of them goes upto Jammu and the other named 'Inter City Express' runs between Indore and Nizamuddin. On the orders of a railway official, the rakes of these two trains have started interchanging. This is resulting in late departure of both of these trains. On my journey to New Delhi, I saw an old couple travelling in my A.C. coach and their destination was Jammu. They were to undertake their return journey too. In all, 6-7 days' journey was involved in their case but there was no arrangement of a bed roll for them.